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SUBJECT: US STATEMENT AT PREPCON

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OPENING STATEMENT BY UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AT APRIL 7 SESSION OF PREPARATORY MEETING. SUMMARIES OF STATEMENTS BY OTHER DELEGATIONS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.

2. THE UNITED STATES IS PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENERGY AND RELATED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH INITIATES AN IMPORTANT--IN FACT AN ESSENTIAL--DIALOGUE BETWEEN OIL PRODUCER AND CONSUMER COUNTRIES. WE CONGRATULATE THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE FOR ITS INITIATIVE AND EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION FOR ITS EFFORTS IN CONVENING THIS MEETING TODAY. WE ALSO EXTEND THANKS FOR THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY WHICH IS BEING EXTENDED TO THOSE OF US FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE INVITED TO PARIS IN APRIL.

3. THERE HAVE BEEN VARIOUS ANALYSES AND INTERPRETATIONS OF THE OIL CRISIS THAT BEGAN IN THE AUTUMN OF 1973. THERE ARE CLEARLY DIFFERENCES OF VIEW AMONG US, WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE CONFERENCE THAT WE WILL BE ORGANIZING AT THIS PREPARATORY MEETING, BUT THERE ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO MANY AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST--TO WHICH WE WILL NEED TO DEVOTE OUR PRIMARY EFFORTS.

4. I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN AGREE ON AT LEAST TWO THINGS. FIRST, THE QUINTUPLING OF OIL PRICES OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, ALTHOUGH POSING PROBLEMS FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY, HAS HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS.

5. SECOND, THE PROBLEMS EMANATING FROM THE CURRENT OIL SITUATION CANNOT BE RESOLVED THROUGH CONFRONTATION OR BY UNILATERAL ACTION, BUT ONLY THROUGH COOPERATIVE EFFORTS AMONG ALL MAJOR PARTIES.

6. WE ALL SHARE A COMMON CONCERN THAT THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL BEING OF OUR PEOPLES BE ENHANCED RATHER THAN RETARDED, THAT DEVELOPING NATIONS BE ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR RAPID DEVELOPMENT RATHER THAN HAVE THEIR PROSPECTS UNDERMINED, AND THAT THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND TRADING SYSTEM BE RESPONSIBLE ENOUGH AND STRONG ENOUGH TO COPE WITH NEW STRESSES AND MEET OUR COMMON NEEDS.

7. IN CALLING THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO, WE MADE CLEAR FROM THE OUTSET THAT THE INITIAL DISCUSSION AMONG THE MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED IMPORTERS OF OIL WAS ONLY A FIRST STEP TOWARD THE NECESSARY DIALOGUE BETWEEN BOTH CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS OF OIL.

8. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, MINISTERS OF THE MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES STATED THEIR RECOGNITION OF THE "NEED TO DEVELOP A COOPERATIVE, MULTILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND

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OTHER CONSUMING COUNTRIES THAT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE
LONG TERM INTERESTS OF ALL."

9. RETURNING TO THIS THEME IN FEBRUARY, ONE YEAR LATER,

SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED THAT, "IN AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD, OUR HOPES FOR PROSPERITY AND STABILITY REST ULTIMATELY ON A COOPERATIVE LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS....THE PRODUCERS SEEK A BETTER LIFE FOR THEIR PEOPLES AND A FUTURE FREE FROM DEPENDENCE ON A SINGLE DEPLETING RESOURCE; THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS SEEK TO PRESERVE THE HARD-EARNED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS OF CENTURIES; THE POORER NATIONS SEEK DESPERATELY TO RESUME THEIR ADVANCE TOWARD A MORE HOPEFUL EXISTENCE."

10. A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. IN THAT TIME, ENERGY PROBLEMS--AND THE INFLATION AND RECESSION TO WHICH THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED--HAVE ADVERSELY AFFECTED LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE AND OTHER LIKE-MINDED CONSUMER NATIONS HAVE AGREED ON A SERIES OF COLLECTIVE MEASURES TO ENABLE OUR ECONOMIES--AND THE WORLD ECONOMY--TO MEET THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCREASED PRICE OF OIL. WE SOUGHT THE CONSUMER COOPERATION THAT WE CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO INSURE A SUBSTANTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE DIA-
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LOGUE. THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, PRESENT TODAY AS AN OBSERVER, WAS ESTABLISHED LAST NOVEMBER IN RECOGNITION THAT A DEGREE OF CONSUMER SOLIDARITY HAD BEEN ACHIEVED AND TO SERVE AS THE INSTITUTIONAL VEHICLE FOR THE FURTHER ELABORATION OF NECESSARY COOPERATIVE MEASURES.

11. OUR PURPOSE AT THIS PREPARATORY MEETING IS TO ORGANIZE THE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONFERENCE THAT WILL BUILD ON THE DIALOGUE INITIATED AT THIS MEETING. TOWARD THIS END, WE NEED TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE IMMENSE SCALE AND COMPLEXITY OF THE WORLD ENERGY PROBLEM ON THE ONE HAND AND THE CONSTRAINT OF REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS FOR CONCRETE RESULTS ON THE OTHER. IT IS CERTAINLY TRUE THAT TODAY WE ARE LIVING IN A HIGHLY INTERDEPENDENT WORLD ECONOMY. THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD HAVE AN INTEREST IN MANY ECONOMIC ISSUES IN ADDITION TO THE INTERNATIONAL OIL SITUATION. BUT IF WE ARE TO HAVE A CONFERENCE WITH A REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF TANGIBLE RESULTS, WE MUST SET BOUNDS AS TO WHAT SUCH A MEETING IS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE. WE MUST THEREFORE CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE SCOPE OF BOTH THE AGENDA AND PARTICIPATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

12. WITH REGARD TO THE AGENDA, WE ARE HERE, IN THE WORDS OF THE INVITATION RECEIVED FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC, TO ORGANIZE A CONFERENCE "TO

EXAMINE THE PROBLEMS OF ENERGY TO WHICH MANY ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS ARE LINKED." THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THIS PROBLEM ARE ENORMOUS, AND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF OIL ARE IN MANY RESPECTS UNIQUE. OUR DISCUSSIONS ARE BOUND TO OVERLAP AT TIMES WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, AND DUE ACCOUNT MUST BE TAKEN OF SUCH LINKAGES. BUT I FEEL STRONGLY THAT THE WORK PROGRAM TO BE DEVELOPED HERE SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON THE SPECIFICS OF ENERGY AND RELATED MATTERS, AND NOT BECOME DILUTED WITH PARALLEL DISCUSSIONS OF OTHER ISSUES, HOWEVER IMPORTANT THEY MAY BE.

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13. I SAY THIS RECOGNIZING THAT OIL IS ONLY ONE OF THE MAJOR COMMODITIES TRADED ON WORLD MARKETS, AND THAT INDEED ALL COMMODITIES ARE INTERRELATED WITHIN THE WORLD TRADE AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM. WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR IMAGINATIVE NEW INITIATIVES IN THIS AREA AND ARE INDEED PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE OTHER ISSUES ELSEWHERE, IN APPROPRIATE FORA, AND I TAKE PARTICULAR NOTE OF THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN SEPTEMBER. THE POINT I WISH TO MAKE HERE IS SIMPLY THAT WE HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO HANDLE WITH THE ENERGY RELATED PROBLEMS IN THE EFFORT WE ARE INITIATING TODAY. TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY DECREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF A PRODUCTIVE OUTCOME.

14. AS FOR THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE, WE WOULD FORESEE A REASONABLE LIMITATION IN PARTICIPATION, BUT WITH BALANCED REPRESENTATION OF

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INDUSTRIALIZED CONSUMER COUNTRIES, DEVELOPING CONSUMER COUNTRIES, AND THE OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES. THE TOTAL NUMBER SHOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY RESTRICTED TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS BUT LARGE ENOUGH THAT ALL INTERESTS ARE ADEQUATELY REPRESENTED.

15. IT WILL OBVIOUSLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US IN THIS PREPARATORY MEETING TO DESIGNATE IN A SPECIFIC MANNER THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE EVENTUAL MAIN CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, WE CAN CONCENTRATE ON DEVELOPING PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH PARTICIPANTS CAN BE DESIGNATED IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN THE END OF THIS MEETING AND THE CONVENING OF THE FULL CONFERENCE.

16. IN CONCLUSION, WE ARE INITIATING A PROCESS OF VITAL AND FAR REACHING CONCERN TO THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY. THE PEOPLE OF OUR NATIONS AND OF OTHER NATIONS EXPECT AND DESERVE CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS FROM THIS PROCESS. WE MUST RESPOND WITH DETERMINATION AND IMAGINATION AND TAKE THE INITIAL STEPS AT THIS MEETING TOWARD MORE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS IN ENERGY AND RELATED ECONOMIC FIELDS. I PLEDGE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO THAT END.
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